Development Agency are scheduled for completion in the VIII Plan after which these figures can be firmed up.

(c) The Preliminary feasibility studies for Paniba-Achankovil-Vaigai link indicate that irrigation of one lakh hectares of land is possible apart from meeting drinking water requirement in the drought prone areas of Tamil Nadu.

From the Mahanadi—Godavari and Godavari—Krishna links, the following benefits are anticipated:

(i) Annual irrigation of about 3.5 lakh hectares in Manibhadra command in the districts of Puri, Cuttack, Phulbani and Ganjam of Orissa.

(ii) Annual irrigation of 1.05 lakh hectares in Srikakulam and Visakha-pathnam districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) Annual ' irrigation of 2.23 lakh hectares in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

(iv) Annual irrigation of 1.18 lakh hectares in Nagarjuna Sagar Command in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

(v) Annual irrigation of 3.20 lakh hectares in Warangal and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh.

The details of benefits in drought prone areas of Rayalalaseema and water short basins of Pennar, Cauvery and Vaigai will be known after the feasibility of remaining components of links between Krishna— Pennar— Cauvery—Vaigai are completed during the VIII Five Year Plan.

(d) The National perspective plan for water resources development prepared by the Government envisages inter linkages between the major rivers of the penisular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich to water short areas. The National Water Development Agency has been en trusted with the task of conducting studies and preparing feasibility report for optimum utilisation of available waters.

Distribution of Yamuna river water

1601. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA: Will the Minister of WATER RE SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had recently called a meeting of authorities associated with the Development, management and distribution of the Yamuna river water;

(b) if so, the issues discussed thereat;

(c) whether disputes on sharing of river water surfaced amongst Yamuna basin States ;

(d) if so, the nature of these disputes; and

(e) the progress made in resolving the same 7

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (e) In the inter-State meeting on sharing of Yamuna waters and other related issues held on 28-3-1992, draft agreements on construction of Renuka Dam, construction of additional parallel channel for Delhi, allocation of remaining water for drinking water supply to Basin States and construction of Hathnikund. Barrage wre *inter-alia* considered. All the States expressed their agreement on the construction of Renuka dam and the additional parallel channel for Delhi. It was also decided that the details of the agreements concerning allocation of remaining Yamuna Waters for drinking water supply to Basin States and construction of Hathnikund Barrage will be further considered in the next inter-State meeting and agreements on all these four issues signed. All the Basin States agreed in principle on the construction of Kishau dam and decided to consider it further in the next meeting. The States also agreed on the setting up of a Yamuna River Board for the coordinated development and management of river Yamuna. Details of the set up of this Board will be discussed in the next meeting.

Sharing of river waters with Nepal

1602. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement or Memorandum of Under-